



**H.Con.Res. 251 – Commending the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for its work of promoting energy efficiency for 30 years.**

**FLOOR SITUATION**

H.Con.Res. 251 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ed Perlmutter (D-CO) on November 8, 2007. This bill was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology, but was not considered.

H.Con.Res. 251 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 5, 2007.

**SUMMARY**

H.Con.Res. 251 resolves that Congress:

- Commends the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) for its work of promoting energy efficiency for 30 years and seeking other avenues of energy independence because it enhances our national security, sustains our environment and creates jobs;
- Recognizes the achievements of the scientists and employees of the NREL and their exemplary service to the United States for 30 years; and
- Directs the Clerk of the House to transmit a copy of this resolution to the NREL for appropriate display.

**BACKGROUND**

The Solar Energy Research Institute opened in 1977.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush designated the Solar Energy Research Institute a National Laboratory and changed its name to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

NREL is the nation's primary laboratory for the research and development of renewable energy.

According to their website, "NREL develops renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies and practices, advances related science and engineering, and transfers knowledge and innovations to address the nation's energy and environmental goals."

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